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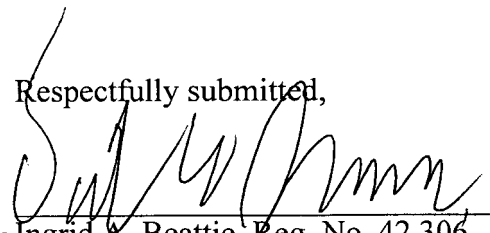
APPLICANTS : Victor Dzau *et al.*
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FOR : MESENCHYMAL STEM CELLS AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136 (a), Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the August 17, 2007 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before February 19, 2008. Please find a check in the amount of \$525.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 18989-028. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,


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